

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 of the text of the specification as follows:

In a particular embodiment of the invention, the formulations are prepared by using a carrier consisting of a water : propylene glycol 50:50 v/v mixture, correcting pH with concentrated strong acids such as hydrochloric acid to values preferably ranging from 4 to 5. It has, in fact, been surprisingly found that if pH, instead of being just corrected, is adjusted by addition of the usual saline buffers such as dibasic sodium phosphate/citric acid couple, the solutions do not remain stable for a pharmaceutically acceptable time. After addition of said buffers, under accelerated stability conditions (40° C, 75 % relative humidity [R.H.]), a 10 % or higher loss of the assay is in fact observed already after three months. Conversely, the assay of the active ingredient in the solutions whose pH has been simply corrected to 4.0 or 4.5 with HCl remains substantially unchanged after 18 months under long term conditions (25° C, 60° 60 % R.H.) and only a slight decrease in the assay is observed after 6 months under accelerated conditions. The solutions of the invention require no addition of stabilizing agents such as metal chelating agents or other antioxidants.